

To All Whom This Concerns:

I wish to comment on the emergent situation with Sinclair Broadcasting Corporation and their plan to air an "Anti-Kerry" piece in the days before our presidential election.

The use of public airwaves for such a blatantly private and partisan agenda edges America one step closer to a facist state.

I do not use the term facist as a hyperbole--if only I could.

Consider the fact that Sinclair's decision to air anti-Kerry propaganda, coupled with their past financial support of the Bush Administration constitutes and signifies a step towards a conflation of corporate, lobbyist and administrative interests . If such precedents are set--as Sinclair endeavors--then soon there will be loopholes galore for government, media, and corporations to legislate and persuade cooperatively: THAT, is the birth of the facist state. Even with the best of intentions, the freedoms and liberties of citizens that live under such conditions are doomed.

Democracy as we know it is engendered by the people who live in it. We in America rely heavily on organizations like the FCC, FDA, EPA and other organizations to act as both a conscience and voice of the rule of law and fairness. Please do not fail us.

Most Respectfully,

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